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BUSINESSMAN CHARGED WITH PONZI SCHEME

NEWARK—An Atlantic Highlands businessman, Alfred D. Cohen and six New Jersey corporations, including Cohen Corp., Banco Rio de New York, Inc., Banco Corp., Management Consultants, Inc., New York Realty Company, Inc., and J&J Co., Inc., were charged with engaging in a classic "Ponzi" scheme to bilk investors from New Jersey and other states out of over \$1 million.

Cohen allegedly sold unregistered promissory notes and investment contracts in African and South African gold mining operations, sold securities in or from New Jersey without being registered, and engaged in a Ponzi scheme by using proceeds from one group of investors to make interest payments to earlier investors.

RATE INCREASES FOR CITY PARKING LOTS

NEWARK—The Newark Parking Authority, the agency which owns and operates all non-employee municipal parking lots in the city, announced its new parking rates for the increase for the Military Park Underground Garage and the Jackson Street parking lot which goes into effect September 1, 1991.

STATE REPUBLICANS URGED TO JOIN DEMOCRATS

TRENTON—Kagan, the state Democratic chairman, made the plea after the White House announced that President Bush will use a bureaucratic shell game to kill a 20 week extension of unemployment benefits to 3 million Americans - 200,000 who live in New Jersey - whose benefits have run out. The Democratic-controlled Congress, over Bush's objections, passed a bill that would provide \$5.2 billion in extended benefits.

Payne stresses info on sarcoidosis

NEWARK—In an effort to promote awareness of a disease called Sarcoidosis, which is most prevalent among African Americans, Tenth District Congressman Donald Payne held a press conference last Thursday morning at his Newark headquarters.

Payne, who is working along with the National Sarcoidosis Family Aid and Research Foundation, said the press conference was part of a national effort to increase understanding of the disease and to help inform at-risk individuals. A portion of his endeavors include establishing a National Sarcoidosis Awareness Day.

Very little information is known about the disease although it is not known to be contagious but does tend to develop in young adults between the ages of 20 and 40-years-old.

It can attack any organ of the (Continued on page 3)



East Orange Mayor Cooper heads emergency disaster team



Political Commentary

The results of ingrained racism

by Sharon Khadijah Vincent

The orchestrated attack on Dr. Leonard Jeffries by the white-controlled media, the reporting of the tragic events in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn and the attempt to blame the victims for their oppressed condition, the effort to take the focus away from the real reasons why there is a resistance to change the Eurocentric focus of the

curriculum in all subject areas which children are taught in the schools — all have a direct relationship to one another: The continued perpetuation of institutionalized racism.

The focus of Dr. Jeffries' speech, delivered three weeks before the N.Y. Post supposedly "broke" this "hot" news story, was the struggle around the so-called curriculum of inclusion, or what (Continued on page 4)

Plainfield budget to result in lower taxes

by Stacey Peterson

PLAINFIELD—Last week's introduction of Plainfield's proposed 1991-92 budget includes a seven-point decrease and some much-requested tax relief for city residents.

During a press conference last Friday, Mayor Harold Mitchell, City Administrator Jewel Thompson-Chin, and Finance Director Nat McBean said that tax payers

should be able to see the change in their tax bills as soon as October.

They cite the use of a \$3 million surplus, the loss of \$1.4 million in Municipal Revitalization Aid, stabilizing the number of employees, and no additional services for the city as factors for the tax saving.

The \$37.1 million budget, \$15.8 million of which must be raised by taxes, is reflective of a (Continued on page 4)

East Orange building collapses, Mayor Cooper on scene

by Stacey Peterson

EAST ORANGE—A 17-unit structure at 109 South Grove Street in East Orange decided it would give demolition experts a little help as it partially collapsed last Tuesday.

Mayor Cardell Cooper was in the building at the scene of the incident which was scheduled for demolition by the city.

He said he was pleased that no one was hurt and thanked the Department of Environmental Protection as well as the city's Office of Emergency Management for their quick responses to the site.

He said that the building and several others in the city had been vacant for at least 10 years but he and his administration dedicated themselves to having these structures demolished this year.

Cooper said he thought it was unfortunate that no action had been taken in previous years to have the buildings removed or the owners held accountable for them.

The mayor said he figures the timing was related to the building's internal structure. Pointing out that the roof was gone and the continuing effects of Mother Nature, it can be understood why it would collapse.

RTC opens sales center

by Stacey Peterson

SOMERSET—Resolution Trust Corporation unveiled its Metropolitan New York-New Jersey Sales Center at its Somerset location which will enable the corporation to further disburse assets obtained during the savings and loans failure.

During last Tuesday's press conference, RTC officials gave an

overview of the center's functions and provided a tour and demonstration of the facility which will be a major component of the Metropolitan Consolidated Office.

People will be able to walk into the office or call via a toll-free number to obtain information on purchasing commercial and residential properties as well as assembling loan portfolios for investors. Other assets available to

the public include vehicles and boats, shopping centers, golf courses, affordable housing units, apartments and condominiums, among others.

The center is hooked up to a database which will enable people to search for properties throughout the state and nation from the Somerset location.

If a person finds real estate that they are interested in, sales (Continued on page 3)

Police brutality focus of NBPA opening day

by Stacey Peterson

NEWARK—With police brutality standing as one of the



NBPA members display brutality

day's most prevalent issues, members of the National Black Police Association looked towards ways of combating and understanding it during their 19th Annual Education and Training Conference.

Last Tuesday following the welcome address by Newark Mayor Sharpe James at the Radisson Hotel, NBPA members put on a skit displaying a face of police brutality. The skit served as a lead-in to several meetings and workshops on the phenomenon.

James challenged the police, residents, and officials to stand up for their community and to not be afraid of a city's problems, but instead be strong enough to do something about it.

Following the mayor's speech, several NBPA members entered the stage area accompanied by member James Hargrove who served as the skit's moderator. He advised viewers not to assign any race to the players and to only see them as a wife, a husband, four police officers, and a sergeant.

The play focused on an incident of domestic violence. A husband was abusing his wife and she called police for assistance. Upon their arrival, an argument ensued between the couple, and amidst the confusion, the husband resisted arrest. Officers called for back-up and as police moved to subdue the man there was a scuffle and an officer's uniform was torn. The officer got angry, ver- (Continued on page 10)

BUF NJ opposes United Way's donor choice

NEWARK—The Black United Fund of New Jersey (BUF/NJ) is the leading advocate of charitable choice in the workplace. In 1984, BUF/NJ single-handedly opened the door of charitable choice, enabling all New Jersey public employees, for the first time, to exercise their rights in choosing charities to live to during workplace campaigns.

While BUF/NJ embraces the concept of donor choice, it opposes the United Way's implementation of such a program in the Fall's private sector annual employee charitable campaign (MECC). Although donor choice provides employees a range of charitable designations for contributions, including organizations not funded by the United Way, its implementation will deny participating independent charitable organizations (CO's) equal access to employees and employees during

the campaign. "I endorse donor choice as a concept," said Lloyd J. Oxford, President of BUF/NJ. "But the program, as implemented by the United Way, gives the appearance of inclusiveness, when in actuality, it does not allow non-United Way charitable organizations and federations visibility or equity within the program," he said.

"The United Way retains monopolistic control over campaign management and planning, distribution of funds raised, policy for absorbing uncollected pledges and other critical aspects of employee campaigns."

According to Oxford, the United Way selects CO's for campaign participation without advance notice, which does not allow for proper planning or preparation. "In today's competitive charitable market, the United Way cannot adequately represent the varied interests of other inde-

pendent charitable organizations without accountability standards promulgated by employers, employees and all campaign participants," Oxford said.

Donor choice falls short of open, fair and equitable campaigning in the workplace for the following reasons: Employees must request a special option pledge card which is generally a complicated and intimidating form; The United Way has total control of donor choice of funds raised, policy for absorbing uncollected pledges and other critical aspects of employee campaigns; mistakes made by the donor on the pledge card result in the donation going directly to the United Way; participating CO's are charged administrative costs by the United Way; any campaign shrinkage due to donor cancellation or transfer is disproportionately absorbed (Continued on page 4)

New schools Superintendent Wilson meets Paterson community

by Freddie Robinson

PATERSON—When the new state-appointed Paterson schools superintendent, Laval S. Wilson, said at the close of his remarks—"Maybe we ought to make this gathering an annual occasion"—during a recent reception for him, the guests burst into laughter and applause.

Hosted by Paterson Municipal Council President Martin "Marty" Barnes and his wife Diane, it was one more reception to further introduce Wilson to the community, where about 50 residents greeted him. Previously he was superintendent in Boston.

As he was informally introduced to the group by Anna Tallaferr, a senior parent coordinator in the district, she expressed her hope for "changes for the best" in the long-troubled system, "and I wish Dr. (Continued on page 3)



(L) Laval S. Wilson, Paterson Schools Superintendent; Marty Barnes, City Council President; Anna Tallaferr, parent coordinator; Larry Leverett, State Department of Education

Photo by Freddie Robinson

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Reinvestments in the Community

Marilyn J. Morheuser: Fighting for those who cannot fight for themselves

by Stacey Peterson

Marilyn J. Morheuser's heart is with the youth and her stringent efforts to equal the standards of quality education for them all is evident in her commitment.

For the past twelve years, as an attorney at the Education Law Center, Inc. in Newark, she has been pushing to get the initial intent of the Abbott v. Burke, 119 N.J. 287 (1990) (Abbott II) decree implemented.

The decree states "that poorer urban districts' funding for regular education be made substantially equal to that of property-rich districts, that funding be made certain every year, that the level of funding also be adequate to provide for the special disadvantages of these poorer urban districts, and that the new funding rebates consider the problem of municipal overburden."

As lead council representing the children, she has been through her share of ups and downs but sees a ray of optimism in a recent Supreme Court decision stating that more money should be allocated to the needs of poorer children.

"It's been one wonderful



result," she said pointing out that it has not been implemented yet but she is seeking an order from the court to make sure it is.

She explained that her work was initiated on behalf of the poor children of the state. Pointing out that about 269,000 children are educated in New Jersey public schools and 80 percent of them are either black or Hispanic. She said that their interests must be accounted for.

Another positive aspect to

come from the court's decision was their recognition that these children are the future of the state and the country.

"In the past, business leaders have ignored poor and minority members but because birth patterns are changing they know they now have to rely on these children," she said. "I think it's the best interest of all people in the state to assure that these children have the proper development."

She is now working on asking the court to set a new deadline to have this legislation enacted by the end of the year. Part of her requests include having the court "seize the reins" of this issue and distribute the funding to the different districts in the state.

She is hopeful that the court will be able to decide quickly so that by the 1992-93 school year, the status will be in place "to provide what the constitution of the state assures all children."

As a former teacher, Ms. Morheuser said that seeing youth and their potential serves as heavy motivation for her work.

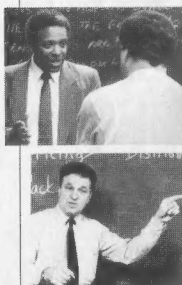
"I have for human beings' potential and I like to see youths reach for the stars," she said.

As a believer in the power of education, it comes natural for her to devote her efforts to the youth of today who are the future leaders.

"Reinvestments in the Community" is a weekly column appearing in API publications throughout the USA.

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People on the move...

Dr. Ira Black of Princeton, N.J. has been elected president-elect of the Society for Neuroendocrinology at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. Meadowlands Hospital Medical Center, Secaucus, has appointed Dr. Arvin H. Goldberg as Medical Director of Emergency Services... AFL-CIO honors Rep. Mickey Leland posthumously with the Murray-Greene-Meany award for public service... Six Union County College faculty members have been promoted by the Board of Trustees to the rank of professor... Dr. John Ruden, of New York City, Dr. Steven Slavin of Brooklyn, Professors George Hildrew of Brooklyn and Bohdan Lukashchewsky of Cranford, Regina Siemomni of Westfield and Paul Teo of Scotch Plains... Robert R. Levinson, Esq. was named President of The Association of Trial Lawyers of American-NJ at its annual installation dinner...

Paterson Task Force salutes neighborhood activists



First row (l-r) Rev. Ronald Tull, Task Force Director; Jose Cortez; Paula Kennedy; Ana Burgos; (stand-in for Dan Lingham); Zaida Mostacero; Second row (l-r) Barry Rosser; Andrew Mackie; Kenneth Parker; Martha Afesia; Vera McCants; Luis Ortega

Photo by Freddie Robinson

by Freddie Robinson

PATERSON—As it did on a recent Thursday afternoon when Paterson Task Force held its Annual Leadership Recognition Reception, the community action agency honored individuals who have made and continue to make contributions that have had a positive impact on neighbors and the community.

Awards like this are never just given; they are earned," former Mayor Lawrence P. Egan remarked as he saluted the recipients.

"One way to justify one's quality of life is by measuring how much they've given back," City Council President Marty Barnes said in another salute to the eleven honorees.

The honorees were: Martha Afesia; Zaida Mostacero; Vera McCants; Paula Kennedy; Barry

Rosser; Luis Ortega; Andrew Mackie; Dan Lingham; Bertha Brinks; Kenneth Parker; and Ana Burgos. Shirley Maulsby, a member of the task force's board of directors served as presenter of awards, and Executive Director Rev. Ronald Tull acted as master of ceremonies.

An excerpt from the Task Force's objective states: "Its purpose is to help the poor improve their quality of life and to become self-sufficient by addressing the causes as well as the effects of poverty." Reportedly, countless residents have and can attest to the 27-year-old agency infusing its purpose.

In 1989, the non-profit agency established an emergency shelter called Hilgen Haven, to provide temporary housing for families. It is located at 36-38 Circle Avenue and Shirley Robertson is the supervising director.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

WOODBIDGE—The effect of "glasnost" on Soviet art is the timely subject of a slide illustrated lecture to be presented by author George Chaplin at the Barron Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. sponsored by the Woodbridge Township Cultural Arts Commission.

NEWARK—The South Ward Senior Citizens are sponsoring a trip to Alabama, with a stop-over in Georgia thru Sept. 2. For further information, call Peacola Simms, (201) 621-5668.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

NEWARK—The Bethany Baptist Church Travel Club is sponsoring a trip to Maine, Seacoast Seaside Festival Tour thru September 1. For more information, call Goldie Burbage (201) 623-8161.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

PLAINFIELD—The Board of Education of Plainfield will hold its Personnel Committee Meeting at the PHS Conference Room at 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

WARREN—The opening reception at "The Farm Series, A Portrait in Oil" by Cindy L. Wagner from 6-8 p.m. in the Gallery, The Chubb Corporation, 15 Mountain View Road thru October 4.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

NORTH BRANCH—A group painting and drawing exhibit opens in the Raritan Valley Community College Art Gallery with a reception from 7-9 p.m. thru Sept. 27. For more information, call (908) 218-8871.

NORTH BRANCH—The Printmaking Council of New Jersey is honored to present, "New Jersey Print Masters," at the Council headquarters, Ralph T. Reeves Cultural Center, located at the intersection of Station and River Roads thru October 12. Free admission. For more information, call (908) 725-2110.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

FLOHAM PARK—The 100 Black Men of New Jersey Annual Golf Classic at 9 a.m. sharp, at the Bookline Country club. Entry fee \$150. Call 201-678-6522 for further information.

PLAINFIELD—The Board of Education of Plainfield will hold its Curric. & Instruc. Committee Meeting in the PHS Conference Room at 7:30 p.m.

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Newark City-Wide Celebration

NEWARK Mayor Sharpe James recently announced that the City of Newark will sponsor its "First Annual, City-Wide Celebration," to be held September 5-8 at Jesse Allen Park, located on Avon Avenue.

City officials said the Newark "Celebration" will be open from 5 p.m. to 12 midnight Thursday and Friday, and from noon to midnight on Saturday and Sunday. The carnival will feature amusement park rides, tasty foods, live music and entertainment, a "Kiddie-Land" attraction (which includes a pony ride and free peeing zoo), a picnic area, inter-ward contests and free tennis clinics.

Admission to the four-day carnival is free, but tickets for rides must be purchased, officials noted. On Saturday, from 12 noon to 5 p.m., there will be a "Pay One Price" Discount Day. People who attend the carnival at that time will pay a \$5 fee for an unlimited number of rides.

Ride tickets are only fifty-cents a piece and each ride lasts between 3-5 minutes. Tickets can be bought in \$5, \$12 and \$20 increments.

According to Tanya Adler, a Mayor's aide and the coordinator of the celebration, proceeds from the event will go to benefit the Newark Holiday Fund, Inc., the organization that furnishes Thanksgiving and Christmas

turkeys, holiday toys and other gifts for Newark's needy children and families.

For further information on the City-Wide Celebration, please contact Ms. Adler in the Mayor's Office (201) 733-6400.

Sarcoidosis research

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body but is most frequently found in the lungs causing loss of lung volume. Characterized by small areas of inflamed cells called granulomas, it can be either inside or outside the body.

The symptoms are a dry cough, shortness of breath, or mild chest pain. There can also be weakness, fatigue, and weight loss. In cases where symptoms do appear outside the lung, they show up in a scaly rash, red bumps on the legs, fever, soreness of the eyes, and pain and swelling of the ankles.

In most patients, the illness spontaneously disappears and is fatal in less than 5 percent. Part of

the problem is that no one really knows what causes it although some suggestions have been made by medical officials.

Payne said that he is very committed to getting the word out about Sarcoidosis since knowledge will help reduce fear and misunderstanding.

"In my role as a federal Representative, I will be working to see that research continues so that more light is shed on the cause and treatment of the illness," Payne said. "I also look forward to working with the Foundation and with health professionals to help patients understand and cope with the disease."

Superintendent meets community

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Wilson well," she said. Wilson mixed easily with the guests and later his remarks to the group belied all initially alleged impressions.

"Paterson can only get better," Wilson said as he has been saying to the press and audiences since his April 7 state appointment to the superintendency over the district. Telling of his choosing Paterson from among five other districts that had made offers to him, he said it was Paterson's 15-year chronology of failure after failure that proved decisive and would present a challenge to him professionally.

"I'm interested in having young people coming out of school knowing enough to get a job," he said, "therefore, my goal is to help young people read, write and do math better; a responsibility I take very seriously."

He emphasized a need and made an appeal for increased parental involvement in the system. He added that a state monitoring report charged with failure to provide its school children with a "thorough" and "efficient" education over due.

Wilson cautioned though, "It would be unrealistic and unfair to assume that because the state has appointed a district superintendent

that all the problems are going to disappear within 6 months."

Echoing the parental involvement theme was Larry Levrett, state Assistant Commissioner of Urban Education, who using an African proverb said, "It takes a whole village to raise a child."

Paterson schools becoming a state-operated district was first set in motion in April, when state Education Commissioner John Ellis issued a Comprehensive Compliance Investigation report dealing 15 years of "ineptness," including financial and administrative mismanagement in the district. Immediately after the state Board of Education voted April 7, sanctioning a state-operated district, the incumbent superintendent, Frank Napier Jr., and all top administrators were removed.

Also elected local Board of Education was dismantled, to be replaced with a largely state-appointed 15-member advisory board, without voting power. A New Jersey Department of Education state mandates the state's operation remains in a district five years.

By many accounts, Wilson, 55, is a creative administrator and is reportedly what many activist parents have been wishing for. But they feel some anxiety from a per-

ceived loss of local input, despite Wilson's and Ellis' appeal for more parents to become involved in the system.

"I don't know him, he seems personable. But I'll just take a wait and see attitude," said Patricia O. Foster, President, New Jersey Association of Parent Coordinators.

A grandparent of three who was all in the district's program for the gifted, Jessie Gist, said, "Making Paterson students competitive with all districts is my wish, and Dr. Wilson's appointment gives me hope he'll be able to do it."

School Board Openings

PATERSON-Commissioner Ellis has recently announced that applications for consideration of an appointment to the 15-member advisory board are available at the Board of Education Office, 33 Church Street, John F. Kennedy, Eastside and Rosa Parks High Schools, the Mayor's office and in the lobby of City Hall.

Anyone interested must be a U.S. citizen, a registered voter, city resident for one year, able to read and write. Deadline for application submission is Aug. 30, 1991.

Note: Freddie Robinson was the writer of the August 21 City News front page article on the Paterson School Board. His name was mistakenly omitted.

RTC sales center

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representatives will place the person with the appropriate real estate agent who can show the property and provide other necessary information. RTC will not be acting as brokers, rather, as an intermediate entity providing data on available properties people may not know about.

Also, RTC will be able to help areas much those who fall within affordable housing requirements. H. Ross Ford, director of the Metropolitan Consolidated Office, said that because national market values for properties to be considered affordable housing are so low, not many residences in New Jersey meet the requirement. In fact, he explained that out of the 400 properties listed in New Jersey only 10 can be called affordable housing. Even so, RTC has been able to satisfy affordable housing requirements in other parts of the country where housing prices are much lower.

Along with the program, RTC also has a \$7 billion seller financing program to help those who would not qualify under traditional means for mortgages. Many have been able to qualify with \$23,000 incomes and had to put as little as 3 to 5 percent down for properties.

Bob Jaworski, of the New Jersey State Banking Commission, reiterated the importance of the new office in helping RTC reach its goal of maximizing returns, minimizing loss and impact on local real estate and financial markets, and providing properties for low and moderate income individuals.

"RTC knows where it's going and how it's getting there," he said. "This is in the best interest of New Jersey's economy and its citizens."

He said that assets need to be put back into the public domain as soon as possible and this center will help that happen.

In addition to the sales center, RTC is planning on some auctions in the near future to aid in liquidating assets.

The two-year-old corporation has been busy at its first assignment has been liquidating the assets of City Federal Savings Bank who had holdings and loans throughout the country but very few in its home state.

Ford explained that of the \$9.5 billion worth of assets City Federal owned, \$6.5 billion have been sold. Also, after intervening on 633 institutions nationwide with \$330 billion in assets, \$170 billion have been sold at 95 percent book value.

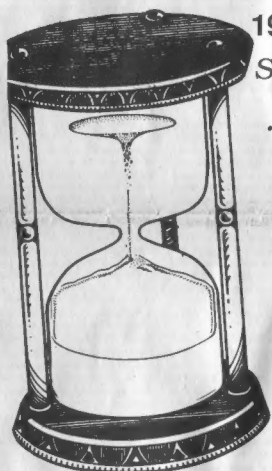
RTC officials are hopeful that this sales center will encourage accessibility to the corporation and move financial instruments at a quick rate.

Tuesday served as the office's first official day of operation and Ford assured that an aggressive advertising campaign would be instated to make sure people find out about it.

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EDITORIAL

Separate schools—black males: not the issue

One of the latest issues in the black community is the so-called need for special schools for black males. They are being told that there is a crisis regarding the black male, he is trouble, and only other black males can save him. It is instituting a school system solely for black males the answer? Hardly. It should not be seen as the solution, but one strategy to help these youths focus on educational growth.

Single-sex education has positive points. Students were better committed, focused, and seemed to enjoy an atmosphere conducive to learning. This is not to knock single-sex or to promote co-educational learning. This is to put the focus on the public school system—where it belongs.

It is a system that was not created with the intentions of blacks in mind. It did not want black children and did not encourage achievement among blacks. Can we now the public schools, the parents, the Boards of Education, the communities; create and encourage a desire for achievement among our black males and our black females? Other groups can achieve in and out of their traditional environments. Blacks can also be the importance and significance of education must become as natural to us as breathing.

Don't let the media, the government, however, throw us a part-time panacea for an issue that is a small piece of the solution pie. Let's roll up our sleeves, get into the trenches, and show some concern—we know where the solutions lie. Separate schools are fine if they are used as part of the way students can choose from. Let's not restrict development of our children. Instead, let's expand their choices, and hold the correct factors accountable for educating our children.

Letters...Hot under Fern's collar

Dear Editor:

I recently read Fern Taylor's column on Patrick Ewing, regarding his attempt to fight a lawsuit in his contract and boost his earnings.

While a point here and there is well taken, some of Fern's comments are really, to put it politely, asinine. The whole case, as he says, is a business decision, but business is based on money, so how can we look at it any other way. Business deals with the bottom line only. It always has. When it doesn't, I suppose one can start calling it charity. Let's face it: how many athletes have we heard of that wanted out of a contract to peddle himself to another team for less money because he would be "happier" elsewhere? One can't say they're lining up. And the "stupid, tired" phrase about championships, which you, I am also about the same issue: money. Is Ewing worth the money he's asking for? For that matter, is any athlete worth the money they're now making? That's another issue altogether. Money is an emotional issue, there's no getting away from that.

Fern's comment about improving a job situation is also way off base. I mean, this guy is

now where near the poverty level is

not that I believe one must or should be to attain her status, but

improve his quality of life to be able to put thirty luxury cars in his garage instead of twenty? Somehow I don't think so. Of course the Bill tells us money will not buy happiness, but what a down payment the millions will make on an illusion! And Fern is trying to convince us it's not about money.

I have to ask Fern in all soul searching, do you really believe the issue here is Ewing's right to be in charge of his own destiny? It is and he becomes very much in charge when he agreed to sign his name to a contract that met with his approval.

Just wish that sports fans would think more about the progress that could be made to help fight cancer and famine if their investments in tickets were put in the hands of scientists and genius minds, instead of all the millions to help an athlete "improve his job situation." But that's another issue.

Very truly yours,

Tracy Froilo

P.S.—I love the style of your writing, even if I disagree with you.

BUF opposes United Way

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sorted by other CO's; and some United Way has policies where funds designated to participating CO's are disbursed up to 18 months after the campaign.

An excellent model of open, equitable implementation of a donor choice program is the New Jersey State Public Employees Charitable Campaign (NJSPECC). Since 1985, this campaign has tripled in size and is currently generating 1.3 million annually. The campaign has proven to be efficient, effective and without racism among its participants. BUF/NJ's adoption of NJSPECC's guidelines to implement donor choice programs in ABC's as follows:

Timely notification of participation in donor choice campaigns; joint campaign planning

and implementation including publicity, promotional materials and video presentations; on-site solicitation by all participating CO's and federations. If this is not possible, an equal amount of literature and promotional materials is made available to employees; and funds are divided equally among all participating CO's; pledge cards listing all participating CO's, designed simply for easy comprehension and utilization of electronic transfer of funds directly to participating CO's, thus eliminating the need for administrative fees to be charged by the United Way.

In addition, campaign coordinators should be adequately trained so that they are knowledgeable about all CO's participating in the campaign, thus enabling them to respond to employee

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by Connie Woodruff

While police and some community residents in Brooklyn were at each other's throats last week, in Newark more than 800 delegates, their families and community supporters gathered for a week long conference focused on education and training for veteran law enforcement personnel and freshman police officers.

The conference was the 19th annual of the National Black Police Association to bring the national network of policemen and women together for a combination of business and pleasure.

This year's conference stressed the community relations aspect of policing for administrators and uniform ranks and presented a variety of speakers ranging from New York governor Jim Florio and U.S. Senator Bill Bradley to Newark's Mayor Sharpe James and police director William Celestier.

Among other speakers were Congressman Donald Payton, Hubert Williams, former Newark police director and now president of the Police Foundation, Leonard Jeffries the embattled CUNY professor of Black History and Dr. Haki Madhubuti, editor of Third World Press and director of the Institute of Positive Education in Chicago who keynoteed the Saturday night awards banquet.

In a nutshell, it appears today's

black law enforcers are still between a rock and a hard place.

Conferees were forced to focus attention on the role of black police personnel in contemporary society where their numbers as members of the force has increased considerably as have the numbers of blacks in administration from local precincts in the federal level.

Shelby Lantier, Jr., president of National Black Police Association (NBPA), reminded audiences of the organization's nearly 70 year struggle to increase hirings, promotions and a change in work assignments for African Americans in law enforcement.

But despite "unprecedented progress" in many communities black officers must still fight a negative image inside and outside the ranks of the men and women in blue. And, says Lantier, "In 1991 we must now now consider that many who benefited have not forgotten how and why it came about... we must be concerned that many have now become black copies of the white counterparts who opposed their acceptance and upward mobility in law enforcement."

"And be aware some law enforcement to innocent supervisors and impose Police Department mentality in their relationships within NBPA." The role of the black cop in the 1990s suggests a plan to an Afro Center, Agency, i.e., reconnecting with the black community

and community organizations.

Echoing Lantier's sentiments, many of the delegates, speaking off the record, admitted non-minority "brothers in blue" often disrespect, abuse and misuse African American people. They believe the time is fast approaching when black police officers can no longer tolerate such anti-social behavior and rise up to "take any action necessary" to quell the rise of disrespect whether they are white or black.

At the urging and insistence of Mayor Sharpe James, Newark police Sgt. Alonzo M. Evans served as chair of the 1991 conference and put together a hard working committee that left no stone unturned to make visitors, from as far as California, comfortable and well-entertained.

Taking time out from the serious business of preparing for "Challenging Times," delegates enjoyed a night in Atlantic City, and a trip to the Apollo Theatre, not to mention the numerous shopping sprees for spouses. A skit about police brutality and alternative ways of handling sensitive situations got the conference off to a lively, semi-entertaining start. A day-long session on the source of drugs and aids was attended by children of delegates and local youths.

Award winners included retiring Supreme Court Justice, Thurgood Marshall, honored for his Achievement Award. Officer

Harold B. Conish of the Dallas P.D. who received the Renault Robinson Award for "remaining steadfast in the face of adversity and continuing the struggle against racism." East Orange police chief, Harry E. Harman received NBPA's Law Enforcement award and the Morgan J. Meritorious Award was captured by the Texas Peace community service, volunteerism, public safety, social awareness and protection of citizens' civil and human rights through political action. The group were recipients of the Juanita Carter NAACP Organization of the Year award for 1990.

One of the most moving highlights of the conference was the memorial march and services attended by more than a thousand people Thursday night. It was a moving experience and an excellent example of role models when NBPA members decked out in dress uniforms gleaming brass dress uniforms and streaming with ribbons of commendations marched 500 strong from Charleston and Spruce Streets to Martin Luther King Blvd. and to St. James A.M.E. Church for the service conducted by the pastor, Dr. William D. Wadley.

Alonzo Evans, who is also a regional organizer for NBPA, described the service as "sacred." Noting, "It's a way for us to come together in a spiritual feeling of love and togetherness."

President Lantier said the march (Continued on page 10)

Perpetration of racism

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many believe to be a more correct terminology, the curriculum director, Dr. Jeffries, a respected educator and scholar (that's really the problem, since those in power clearly know that Dr. Jeffries has spent years researching and studying his subject and can substantiate all of his statements), has been basically making the same points in his speeches for a couple of years. In fact, when you attend one of Dr. Jeffries' lectures or classes, he always brings along some of the many books and papers that he encourages people to read and study to obtain more information.

The recent attacks against Dr. Jeffries are believed by many to be part of the refusal of this society in general, and the New York public school system in particular, to accept the responsibility to correct the racist curriculum children are indoctrinated with everyday in our schools. Dr. Jeffries was the author of the School Report which was presented to and accepted by the Board of Regents on the Multi-Cultural Curriculum.

Many people believe that in order to stall and even turn back the progress of the movement to change the racist curriculum, the plan was to try to discredit Dr. Jeffries and

subsequently, discredit the report on the Multi-Cultural Curriculum.

What the New York Post, Governor Cuomo, Attorney General Robert Abrams, Senator D'Amato, and others, who were in the forefront of the attack against Dr. Jeffries did not count on, was the highest esteem and respect in which he is held in among members of the African-American community. Dr. Jeffries has met with fierce resistance and have only helped to sharpen the contradictions and issues which he spoke about in his speech.

People who have reviewed the entire videotape of Dr. Jeffries' speech, have been able to clearly see that the issues he addressed were not the historical experience which African Americans have been confronted with in this country, as well as Native Americans, and Hispanic Americans. Charges that the speech was anti-Semitic were made by news editors and writers who admit to not having viewed the entire two-hour lecture where his statements were viewed in the context of the issues being discussed. But, of course, isolating and taking statements out of their context, was the intention of the N.Y. Post and the other publication and media outlets which participated in the

efforts to discredit and ruin Dr. Jeffries in his fight against the changes in the Eurocentric curriculum.

We see the same efforts being made to distort the real reasons behind the legitimate outrage which the black community feels at the latest incident of favoritism and bias faced in the Crown Heights area of Brooklyn. The anger and frustration which people of African descent who live in this area, have buried deep inside of them, and which has now boiled over and come to the surface, is a symbolic of the feelings and sentiments existing in black communities all across this country. No one really can predict when people will just snap and then react in a violent manner, but just like in Crown Heights, it usually takes an incident which cannot be predicted to bring out the violent response to oppression which is already brewing.

One child is dead, another one is in critical condition, a family is traumatized, an innocent man stabbed—all because certain individuals were given some special privileges in the Crown Heights Police Precinct has helped to foster and aid these special privileges of the Hassidic community in Crown Heights for years. Whether it has been the closure off of the streets on Saturday during their

Sabbath, special police escorts and patrols, the refusal to exercise control over their private vigilante patrols which have unjustifiably attacked on several occasions innocent black and Latino youth, special ambulance services etc., there is an unmistakable pattern of favoritism which people do not appreciate.

As this country continues to unfold, it will get uglier and possibly more violent, because at its foundation is the issue of institutionalized racism, and the fight against its manifestation. Though the mainstream media is trying to blame the outburst on "outside agitators," it just highlights how once again, they refuse to analyze and confront the real issues.

People are mad! It's just that simple. Young people are in the streets throwing rocks and bottles because they are systematically reacting to events without real organization. They're truly "fired up" and don't want to take it any more. They are fighting back against a racist system in their own way. If people are concerned about their method of expression, then folks need to be prepared to confront the real problems, because trying to work around it, won't work anymore.

Child Watch...

Cool Moves—Teens Together' A video for you?

by Marian Wright Edelman

WASHINGTON, DC (NAB)—For every black adult who says black teenagers do not care about their community, a chorus of teenagers responds that their community does not care about them. We have got to move away from each self-filling pronouncements and get on with the critical business of saving and shoring up a generation of black youth so that when their time comes to take charge, the whole community will benefit.

Many teens already are in a better position to make a difference than we might sometimes think, and are doing so in a number of communities. If you are in a position to give responsibility and talent a chance, if you are an educator or community worker, for example, consider a new video released by the Public

Broadcasting System (PBS).

Cool Moves—Teens Together, is part of PBS outreach efforts to get everyone involved with improving their communities. The video has experts from a national documentary aired several months ago, highlighting some of the wonderful work young people are doing for their communities. For example:

In Dorchester, Mass., the community established The All Dorchester Sports League to put youngsters of all races and backgrounds together in a year round, team-sport environment. This eight-year-old program has reached over 4,000 youngsters participate in ten different sports throughout the year.

Minneapolis, Minn., is the home of the American Variety Theater Company housed at the Capri Theater. The inner-city 4-H Club sponsors the program. The young actors learn to work to-

gether, trust each other, and be

The D. Edward Wells Youth Federal Credit Union in Springfield, Mass has served the minority community since 1958, and three years ago expanded its services to youth. The Youth Credit Union is run, owned, and operated by youth. It teaches them to spend and manage money wisely.

The two other programs featured in the video are Clean and Green of Los Angeles, which teaches youngsters to take pride in their community's appearance, and Club MQ of Marquette, Mich., a teen-owned and operated dance club.

Having an opportunity to join a structured program not only teaches youngsters off the streets, it can mean the difference between a productive life or a wasted one. As one Minneapolis youth puts it, "If the Capri Theater wasn't there, I don't think I'd be alive right

now."

The video is a creative method of getting teens to see what constructive, innovative activities other teens are involved in across the country. The black community must take an interest in their youngsters, non-school activities, giving them constructive alternatives to the streets. Since someday we hope today's teenagers will be the community's teachers, policemen, shopkeepers, and leaders, rather than victims or victimizers, it is not too early to show them what leading and co-operation are all about.

For more information about Cool Moves — Teens Together, or to receive the educational package, contact: The National Media Outreach Center, 4802 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA, 15213, 412/622-1491.

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YOUTH/EDUCATION/SUCCESS

Newark youths zoom in on Minolta



Twelve youths from the Newark Boys' and Girls' Clubs fraternize with Minolta President Sam Kusumoto (second from left).

Photo by Steve Pearson

RAMSEY — Twelve youths from the Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Newark were given the royal treatment last Wednesday as they toured the Minolta Corporation's headquarters and met with President Sam Kusumoto.

The 10 to 15-year-olds are part of a Minolta-sponsored young photographer's program where they are encouraged to incorporate

photography as a hobby and career.

Armed with cameras, bags, and several rolls of film, they continually mapped everything from people repairing cameras to some of the company's high-tech equipment. They were even given the opportunity to learn some of the basics of their newly-adopted craft from a Minolta professional photographer and were allowed to take

pictures of each other in an actual photo studio.

This year's pilot program which began this September to four sections. Its objectives include: teaching the basics of black and white photography, the history of the art, as well as provide ideas for potential careers in the profession.

can't touch this Stars of tomorrow here today

No one knows what I feel inside.

No One Knows
Annette Taylor

by Terry Benjamin

Annette Taylor's follow-up to her 1990 dance hit "I Don't Love You But I Like You" is another rhythm and blues chart topper but "No One Knows" should broaden her celebrity. Here is a young woman with a voice filled with soul, emotion, and power. She is just one of the stars of tomorrow that can be heard on select records today, others include Nefini, The BTX, and The Young Lords.

Originally signed by Select in 1985 as a rap artist, Annette performed such a full range of vocal talent that she was promoted as a R&B/dance vocalist. A forthcoming album will showcase her talents in musical forms that will include ballads.

Another bright female talent on Select is rap artist Nefini who makes her recording debut on "Don't Stop" where she raps: "I'm one black sister who's head is

all together
You're wet behind the ears, tight as a feather
Hold my own when I get the microphone
Can't get with this so why don't you leave it alone
If people feel the bass and dance
And you're begging me please don't stop.

The BTX comes on strong with "This Jam Is Black," a rap track that contains vocal samples from James Brown, the Intelligent Hoodlum and X Clan. The message is black as they rap: "Teaching the brotherhood so he can understand/Where we come from to give him the upbeard." These Bronx based rappers deal with themes of homelessness, racism, music, and history in a rapid fire rap style.

Also from the "boogie down" Bronx is The Young Lords, Kevin Olivencia, A.L. "Love" Suarez and Sean Nottalino, offering some Spanish American flavor on

"Give Me A Beat," a hip hop house music creation that should go straight to number one on the dance charts.

We'll in effect/young boys unstoppable." The Young Lords rap. "We get live like Mission Impossible."

This is short on poetry but long on musical beats that make this track sound like a trip back to the disco era of the Sixties and the early Seventies.

"Snap, clap, wiggle your feet/Like Janet Jackson just give me a beat," they rap. "On the hip house tip this is poetry/dance to the sound, know what I'm sayin', gee?"

Select records has heavy hitters like Kid N Play and Chubb Rock but this is one company that doesn't shut its door to up and coming talent like Annette Taylor, Nefini, The BTX, and The Young Lords. Musical fans all over the world can be thankful for that.

BUF gift enables students to mentor eighth-graders



"Dubois Fellows" and participants of the WPC Mentoring Program include (l. to r.) Dr. Sherita Boone, founder and director of the Dubois Scholars Program; Hilja Blake, James Bennett, and Harvey White, and Lloyd J. Oxford, president of the Black United Fund of NJ. Oxford was presented with a tie-die specialty designed for the program by Willis Edwards III, a senior at WPC who is a Dubois Scholars resident assistant.

WAYNE — A gift to the W.E.B. Dubois Scholars Program from the Black United Fund of New Jersey, Inc. has made it possible for 12 high-achieving high school students to serve as mentors for 20 promising eighth- and ninth-graders this summer on the campus of William Paterson College in Wayne.

The Dubois Scholars program, in residence at WPC since 1988, is designed to cultivate leadership potential in high-achieving African-American and Latino adolescents. "Its aim is to develop a cadre of young leaders who will rebuild, restore, and strengthen institutions

in their communities," said Dr. Sherita Boone, a professor of psychology at WPC who is founder and director of the program.

This summer, in a pilot project partially funded by a grant from the Black United Fund, students returning to the Dubois Scholars program for a second year participated in a "Mentoring Forum" for the 20 "Dubois Fellows," 16 from Newark and 4 from Englewood, who will enter eighth or ninth grade this fall. Mondays through Thursdays from July 8 to August 2, the youngsters were transported to WPC, where they participated in tutoring sessions and structured

group discussions on topics germane to urban living in low-income areas. The non-residential program began daily with a lunch, and the mentees were given opportunities to interact informally with faculty members, staff and students.

"We hope to encourage these youngsters to sustain high levels of academic performance," Boone said, "and to realize that attending college is a real option for them." For the mentees, he added, the forum aims to refine leadership skills and strengthen their commitment to community service.

Summer interns win scholarships toward college tuition

NEW YORK — Sherrynn M. Jackson and Allison Mercedes Caban, are this year's winners of the Philip Morris Post-High School Opportunity Awards. The young ladies were among 101 student interns participating in the Philip Morris Subsidy Program, which is an adjunct of New York City's Summer Jobs for Youth program.

Both students will receive \$1,000 scholarships to be applied to college tuition costs.

Ms. Jackson, a Manhattan resident, is a sophomore at Bernard Baruch College and hopes to pursue a career in law, eventually "to become the first black female appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court."

Ms. Caban, from the South Bronx, is an entering freshman at Yale University. A pre-medical student, she was urged by her mother to give up plans to become a nurse and study to be a doctor. She has been pursuing this goal through programs at Mount Sinai Hospital and the New York University High School Honors Program in Medicine.

The Philip Morris Subsidy



Sherrynn M. Jackson, Allison Mercedes Caban, and George L. Knox III, vice-president of public affairs at Philip Morris Companies Inc.

Program, the only one of its kind, subsidizes summer intern positions for financially disadvantaged young people, ages 16 to 21, at nonprofit cultural agencies throughout the city. The agencies, ranging from the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater to the New York Zoological Society, receive continuing general support from Philip Morris.

"We take our summer interns

programs very seriously said George L. Knox III, vice president of public affairs at Philip Morris Companies Inc. The simple fact is that summer internships make sense for everyone: the institutions that get the services of talented, enthusiastic, young people and the interns who come away from their assignments better prepared to join the working world."

Local residents graduate from the Pingry School



Karen Rebecca Dallow

Victor Alexander King

BERNARDS TWP. — One hundred eleven seniors graduated on Sunday, June 9 from the Pingry School. Addressees to the Class of 1991 were made by Valedictorian Alvin Sachs and Student Body President Peter Londa followed by the presentation of diplomas by Chairman of the Board of Trustees Warren S. Kimber, Jr. and Headmaster John Hanly.

The graduates and prize-winners from your area are: Karen Rebecca Dallow, daughter of Rena and Brian Dallow of Plainfield. Victor Alexander King, son of Victor King of Plainfield, Cum Laude Society, Garden State Distinguished Scholar, National Merit Commendation, Winner, Honorable Mention: Charles B. Atwater Valedictory Award.

NEWARK — Newark's finest young athletes from the city's Pop Warner Football Association will compete against Pop Warner teams from the Hanlon Park section of Baltimore, Maryland on Saturday, August 31 at Utermann Field on Chancellor Avenue. Newark as the teams kick-off the football season with the First Annual All American Cities Football Classic. The teams representing Newark had competed in the 1990 championship games. The games are scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m., according to Ted Kettles, commissioner of the Newark Pop Warner League. The first game will be between the Newark and Hanlon Park Junior Midget teams of ten, eleven and twelve-year-olds. It will be followed by a game between the twelve, thirteen and fourteen-year-old Junior Bantams.

Newark Council President

Donald Tucker, speaking on behalf of the Municipal Council, hailed the young athletes as "the pride of Newark. These youngsters are doing much more than playing football. They are learning about working together, depending on one another, getting along and good sportsmanship. They are eager to win, and know that to be successful in life, they must keep their minds and bodies healthy. Among them, we will find our future leaders."

Mayor Sharpe James agreed, urging everyone to support the Newark Youngsters. "This is an excellent way for our young football players to grow, develop and test their skill against other youngsters from Baltimore in a competitive and amiable atmosphere. This first annual football 'Classic' should be a positive experience for youngsters in both Pop Warner leagues."

New Strand keeps the crowd hyped

by Jaelyn Johnson

PLAINFIELD — Recently, The New Strand kicked off opened its doors to kick-off what will hopefully be a "true entertainment complex" for the people of Plainfield and the Newark Metropolitan area.

In connection with Majestic Productions of Brooklyn, Goldtone Entertainment Inc. of Plainfield is announcing the Grand opening of "Intentions of a top-billing."

Under new management, The New Strand "busted-out," according to Half Pint, CEO of Majestic Productions. They played host to KRS-ONE of Boogie Down Productions, Lakim Shabazz, The Genius and many other rap greats on June 29. "There were no fights, no arguments, and the Plainfield Police worked well." Despite difficult Goldtone managed to keep ticket prices down to \$17.50 and the crowd hyped-up as they presented 13 groups with boom beats and live lyrics. "It was a Slamfest," said Half Pint.

"I encourage all Newark citizens to come out, enjoy the action and support Newark's Pop Warner Football League," the Mayor continued.

Trophy ceremonies will follow each game, and the winning teams will hold the trophy until next year, when the second annual games will be played in Baltimore, according to Kettles.

Before the game begins on Saturday, all 14 teams of the Newark Pop Warner team will march in a parade from Lincoln Park to Military Park. They will be joined by the young contingent of cheerleaders who provide the vocal support for each team and the coaches, referees and officers of the Newark league.

For more information on the First Annual All-American Cities Football Classic, contact Mike James, Newark City Council, (201) 733-5355.

He also emphasized the difficulty in getting insurance for rap concerts signing the prices as "outrageous, not to mention the bad reputation of the Strand Theater."

"Artists want fans to buy their records, so they'll show-up when it comes to New Strand performances," says Half Pint stating the reason for expected success.

"Due to a limited budget," says Mario Rosemond, vice-president of Goldtone Entertainment, "we plan to inform the community using college radio, local newspapers, and of course, word-of-mouth."

With two functions a month featuring Rap, Reggae, Jazz, Salsa and other musical artists, Rosemond, a resident of Plainfield, hopes to bury the bad reputation of the Strand Theater and bring the community together.

In coming months, the Strand will feature an amateur contest which will award not only money but recording studio time and co-sponsors.

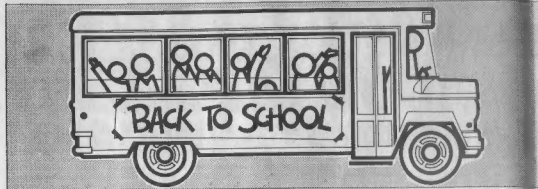
Rosemond says he wants take Plainfield's New Strand to the level of Harlem's Apollo Theater and Newark's Symphony Hall.

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Eddie Gray fishing trip is a success

NEWARK — The American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) a Quaker based social service agency in Newark at 972 Broad Street, held its annual AFSC/Eddie Gray Fishing Trip. The trip is held in honor of a city police officer, Eddie Gray, who was associated with the AFSC program and dedicated his life to helping others, especially youth in trouble with the law.

This beautiful summer day found approximately 60 youth and ex-offenders fishing for Blue Fish and Fluke out of Belmore on the Catherine II, Captained by Bob Garafano.

Many had never fished before but had been graduates of the AFSC program. They joined with Union County youth from the Elizabeth Port Presbyterian Center and Newark's own Integrity House youth, along with AFSC staff. They caught fish ranging from 8 to 15 pounds.

This trip is held annually in celebration for the youth and to commemorate Officer Eddie Gray.

The event was an overwhelming success and keeps alive the spirit of Eddie Gray.



AFSC Youth enjoys fishing

Our Friend Eddie Gray

He was a special guy
This no one can deny
Our friend Eddie Gray

He had a heart of gold
A pat to young and old
Our friend Eddie Gray

When the sick were sad and blue
He made them feel like new
With his friendly way

Forever on the go
For kids who loved him so
Our friend Eddie Gray

He was always there to help any
in need
Any color, any race, or any creed
There was so much he would do
For the poor and hungry too
Day after day

In all the human race
No one can take his place
Our friend Eddie Gray

A saint in every way

by Angelo Nigro

A book review...

Educating your child after school

by KA Clarence H.M. Coggins III

The education of our children is one of the main issues on our minds. In his book, *A Black Parent's Handbook* to educating your children (Outside of the Class-

room), Baruti K. Kafele gives clear, concise plans of actions for parents to follow and insure that their children are prepared to face the challenges of the 21st Century.

Kafele has successfully prepared a guide which will benefit

the entire Black African Community regardless of social/economic status or political persuasions. A look at his Table of Contents will attest to his thoroughness. The following are a few of the chapters headings: 1. Preparing your child for the First Day, 2. Study Skills and Test Taking Strategies, 4. What Did You Learn Today?, 6. That Ever So Powerful Peer Group. Kafele even includes a listing of books which will help develop children's awareness and understanding of their historical significance.

In the preface, he explains some of the reasons behind writing this book. "A Black Parent's Handbook to Educating Your Children" is written as a contribution to the Black Liberation Struggle. Time, it is an educational guide, but it is much more than the traditional sense of the word 'education'... in order for us to rise to the level that we once occupied, we must lift ourselves and stop depending on others to do it for us. This book... is a contribution to that upliftment."

This book is a powerhouse because the author doesn't deviate from dealing with methods and techniques which work. In the section on Goal Setting he warns against setting goals too high or too low. He stresses the "our objective as Black people is the push and challenge the children, to and beyond their limits so that they will be of useful service to the building and development of the black community." He also makes a distinction between short-range and long-range goals, and points out that they need to be written down to avoid misunderstandings and misinterpretations.

Born October 22, 1960, in Orange, New Jersey, Kafele, formerly known as Norman "Tony" Hopkins, resides in Jersey City with his wife Kimberly Broughton-Kafele, born November 30, 1963, and son "Little" Baruti Kafele, born June 7, 1990.

A BLACK PARENT'S HANDBOOK TO EDUCATING YOUR CHILDREN (OUTSIDE OF THE CLASSROOM) \$5.95 Published by Baruti Publishing, Jersey City, New Jersey

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GOOD ENTERTAINMENT
NO CONCEPTS
GOOD CONCEPTS BUT DULL
*BRIEF READ
GREAT REFERENCE
COLLECTOR'S ITEM

High School drop-outs

Adult Learning Center offers alternatives

PLAINFIELD—"I dropped out of high school to go to work six days a week and had no time for education. Then I realized I needed a diploma to go on to a career, so I came to the Adult Learning Center. It is a great alternative for anyone who doesn't have a high school diploma and wants to get one."

The comments of Regina Nelson of Plainfield are typical of many of the students earning high school diplomas at the Plainfield Adult Learning Center, located at 301-323 East Second Street (corner of Roosevelt Avenue) in Plainfield, New Jersey.

According to Carole Beris, Assistant Director, "We know that it is seldom easy for a busy adult to return to school. But the flexible hours, accessible teachers, and individualized program-

ing at the Plainfield Adult Learning Center make earning a diploma with us an increasingly popular goal."

"The success of an adult school," Mrs. Beris added, "depends in part on recognizing that the students attending it are different from teenagers in traditional high schools. The course requirements for a high school diploma are the same, but the credits are based on mastering proficiencies rather than actual hours spent in a class. Our courses are adapted to the needs of adults."

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For further information, please call Carole Beris during the day at 753-3350 or 753-3366.

African-American Educational Center offers new programs

ENGLEWOOD — The fall semester of the African American Educational Center is including two new programs for youths.

The first, Science for Kindergarten and for grades 7 and 8 features exciting hands-on activities and integrates reading and math as well as the contributions of Africans and African Americans. The second, Tees' NHistory, stimulates high school aged students to read and explore the highlights of African history.

These new programs and the regular workshops in cultural arts, video, drama, chess, and computers, for students pre-K through grade 8, begin on Saturday, Sept. 14 and continue through December 7.

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fied teachers conduct small groups in stimulating math and English review.

All classes take place at the Janis E. Dismus Middle School located on the corner of Tryon Avenue and Liberty Road in Englewood. Limited scholarships are available on the basis of need. For more information and registration forms please call (201) 837-8003.

Parenting tips on afterschool activities



WESTFIELD — After-school activities that are carefully planned and selected develop a child's mind and body. Through a variety of experiences a child understands more complex ideas and develops a passion for learning.

Before making a final decision about afterschool activities, discuss interests with your child. Some children seem to forget dates, time, and responsibilities a lot. So, get paper and pencil and together, make a list. Your child may not include homework and chores. Therefore, the parent should make sure these are on the list. Also, using a calendar, work out an after-school activity schedule.

To enrich the development of your child's mind and body, plan different and unique activities. For example, hobbies develop self-expression. Recreational activities (jogging, skating, basketball, jumping rope) promote physical fitness. Groups like 4-H, scouts, religious, and school recreational programs offer opportunities for intellectual, physical, moral, and social development.

If after-school activities are well-planned, interesting, and creative, a child will enjoy many learning experiences that promote positive growth and development.

Help-a-saurus is an educational program for parents provided by Rutgers Cooperative

Extension. For more information, contact Ellawise B. McLeod, Extension Home Economist of Union County, 300 North Avenue, East, Westfield, NJ 07090, or call (908)654-9854.

Register now!

PLAINFIELD — Registration for preschool through second graders is currently underway at Mossie E. Dismus School and Day Care located at 630 East Front Street. The school is state licensed and offers full and part time enrollment, and personalized classes, in a Christian environment for a \$74 fee. For more information please call (908)755-8430.

Harold Brown

It's all about a little give and take

by Stacey Peterson

Teaching is a responsibility that does not end with the final school bell and is not confined to the scope of reading, writing, and arithmetic. Harold Brown is there to make sure school officials remember that.

Brown sees a cyclic procedure for education especially in urban communities. Children must be taught and directed correctly as they are the future contributors to society. Society must then recognize the youth's value and give back a bit of themselves.

A member of the Retired Enlisted Association (REA) Chapter 51, he spends 5 days a week, 5 hours a day at Jefferson School guiding, tutoring, and communicating with youths, as someone they can relate to.

He explained that urban children have unique needs that some suburban teachers, who do not live in the community, are not adept at addressing. Oftentimes, their solution for dealing with a disruptive child is to send them to the principal's office, and force him or her to discipline the child. Brown said that punishing the child is not always the best solution. "The children are so angry now," he said. He pointed out that in many cases, teachers need to try to understand the source of the behavior and allow the child to calm down and collect him or herself.

"Let him blow his stack," Brown said. "He needs to get it out so let

him. "They (teachers) have to understand the thinking of a black child—where he's coming from. Many people who work in the system are used to suburban kids and are not used to the urban child," he said.

He is familiar with many of the problems which can include not having both parents home, a lack of love and nurturing, or not eating breakfast in the morning.

He challenges the community, teachers, and the Board of Education to commit to understanding the children for everyone.

He has worked to bring speakers into the schools to address the children and provide positive influences.

"You have to focus on the self-esteem of these young people," he said. "Have them feeling good about themselves." He sees too many young people getting away from values, the church, and not learning about the "spiritual part of their lives" that teach respect and diminish a lot of hostility.

He is pleased that for the past 6 years, he has been able to foster respect and friendship with youths.

The rewards are when you see the kids smile, they're happy, and they're listening to teachers and other responsible people," Brown said.

Seeing the aim of education as making children responsible, well-rounded individuals in society, he believes the extra effort and commitment from everyone can promote a better understanding of youths and better prepare their future.

CHILD CARE FOOD PROGRAM

PLAINFIELD—The Grant Avenue Community Center, The King's Day Daughters Day School, and The South Second Street Youth Center announce the sponsorship of the Child Care Food Program. This program is designed to provide meals to children in the child care centers, recreation programs, etc. Meals are available at no expense charge to all children 12 and under enrolled in the Child Care Food Program and are served without regard to race, color, national origin, handicap, age or sex.

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ELIZABETH—Jazz on the Lawn will take place in the park next to the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs, 630 Pearl St. with Hilton Ruiz and his quartet from 12:30-1:30 p.m. sponsored by The Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs. Admission free. (Plan site is Elizabeth High School, Dwyer Auditorium, right across the street from the park.)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

VERONA—The Verona Jaycees and preparing sponsor Tiger Racequet and Racquet Club are accepting applications for the 14th Annual Verona Labor Day Classic at 8:00 a.m. in Verona Park. For registration and information, call (201) 575-1000 or (201) 744-8888.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

PISCATAWAY—Circus Playas presents "Harvey" by May Chase from September 28 at 416 Veterans Park. For more information and tickets, call (908) 968-5555.

NORTH BRANCH—A jazz concert will exhibit "Harvey" by May Chase at 8 p.m. in the Welpe Theatre. Tickets are \$7.50/adult, \$5.00/child, \$5.00/senior, and senior citizens. For more information, call (201) 725-3420.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

NEWARK—The Mary Burns Theatre for the Performing Arts, Essex County College, 303 University Ave. will present "Blood Knot" featuring African American and Hispanic artists from Sept. 15. Tickets \$15/adult, \$10/child. For more information, call (201) 877-4432 or 4426.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

NEWARK—The Newark Public Library will exhibit "Harvey" by May Chase from October 2 to 15. Tickets \$15/adult, \$10/child. For more information, call (201) 733-7792.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

HOUMEL—Fourth Annual Festival of the Arts & Heritage of African Americans at the Garden State Arts Center. For more information and tickets, contact Beatrice Jones, (609) 530-5252 or (609) 886-5000.

NEWARK—Music and Dance of the Ancestors with Tawana Brown and the Ancestors Dancers in Washington Park as part of the Hispanic Festival at 2:00 p.m. In charge of Newark Public Library, 5 Washington St. Admission free. For more information, call (201) 733-7772.

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'Livin' Large' a favorite 'Pastime'

by Peter Jackson

NEWARK—"Pastime," which opened on the 23rd of August, and "Livin' Large," which is scheduled to open in mid-September, represent radically divergent images of both black and white realities, yet neither contributes to the underclass image that has shadowed U.S. African-Americans since the inauguration of Ronald Reagan. The principle black image that we see in both movies is the image of a young black male trying to use his talents to capture a legitimate place in the U.S.A. Both young men are honest but naive and experience a rite of passage before attaining their goals, yet both young men are as quite different as are the rites. And finally, the world that both men seek acceptance from is a world of pastime, a world in which the trivial has become the capital and the burlesque has become the austere.

On one plane, Roy Dean Bream, as mentor, embodies the patience, knowledge, wisdom, and compassion of a man whose life in baseball is more than an adequate beacon for a seventeen-year-old black boy on his way to manhood and destined for baseball greatness. It is on this plane that the movie is most explicit. Yet it is on a quite different plane that the essence of Roy Dean lies. Late in the story, after Roy Dean has ineffably bound his relationship to Tyrone, and after he appears irrevocably bound for a romantic, long-term relationship with later Brice (Dierdra O'Connell), a bartender, whose sweetness and light belie the attributes generally associated with her workers—just at that moment when all is right in his world, he learns that he is to be fired from the team. The two planes never converge, but rather leave the viewer with a bitterness in his

the films aftermath.

Sell, three aspects of "Pastime" are troubling, however enamored the viewer may be with Roy Dean, Tyrone, and Inez. First, is the film's suggestion that racism is a personality disorder. Randy Keever (Scott Plank), the factious, envious, and obnoxious starting pitcher, is the only voice of overt racism in the film. By embodying racism in Keever, the film runs the risk of suggesting that congenial, generous, and good nature people are not overt racist.

"Pastime," directed by Robin B. Armstrong, produced by Eric Tyson Young and Robin B. Armstrong, and co-starring William Russ as Roy Dean Bream and Glenn Plummer as Tyrone DeBary, is an almost credible account of the game to grade class D professional baseball players in 1957, whose hometown is in central California. The movie's plot develops along two planes, both of which center on Roy Dean Bream: a forty-one year old, three-weeks-in-the-major-leagues pitcher whose major league baseball career succumbs to the powerful bat of Stan Musial, which drives Roy Dean's pitch out of the park and Roy Dean out of major league baseball.

Second, Tyrone, as protégé, is the beneficiary of Roy Dean's baseball acumen and of his protection and friendship, however Tyrone may have wanted the relationship to have been evenly balanced, it never was. Thus, even when interracial harmony is possible, black people are taken more than they are willing or capable of giving.

Third, Tyrone, in addition to being shy, inexperienced, and withdrawn, is also meek. Tyrone represents the black male that is least threatening to whites. The reward for Tyrone's meekness is that by the end of the story, after having acquiesced in the racist environment displayed on the screen, as well as the one which left undepicted, and having revolted not against racism but against "bad taste," Tyrone is accepted by his teammates, all of whom are white males.

The low key and soft spoken characters of "Pastime" would have been dwarfed by the loud talking, high stepping personalities of "Livin' Large," a comedy, directed by Michael Schultz and co-starring Terrence Carson (Dexter Jackson), Lisa Arrindell (Tonnelle Davis), and Blanche

Baker (Kate Pendragon).

"Livin' Large," a parallax view or "Broadcast News" is a farce, depicting the back and the front of the news camera of a local television network in Compton, California. The film is stuffed full of the exaggerated characters and lifestyles that trademark US opulence. Thus, on the one hand, "Livin' Large," burlesques the opulence, extravagance, and inflated importance of TV life; on the other hand, "Livin' Large," contributes comedy rather than hypbole to TV life: what is false about "Livin' Large" is neither the character types nor the environment; the distortion of "Livin' Large" is its forgiveness: its willingness to allow good to triumph over evil, and talent to triumph over mediocrity.

The film's plot is simple. A young black man, Dexter Jackson, whose ambition pushes him from delivering dry-cleaned clothes to delivering hotshots to safety and impromptu, sensational news to Channel Four News is discovered by the news executive director Kate Pendragon. From the moment that Kate eyes Dexter the plot is

driven by three forces: Dexter's sign for success: Kate's lust for higher ratings and Dexter and Tonnelle's love.

Dexter's lust for media success lures him into abandoning his old friends, including Baker Moon (Nathaniel "Africa" Hall), and moving out of his old community. Kate who directs Dexter's life on and off the screen, is so successful in her transformation of Dexter that Dexter begins to hallucinate. When Dexter looks at himself on television, he believes that the TV personality is slowly acquiring the physical features of a white male: his lips thin, his hair straightens; his skin bleaches.

As Kate methodically moves towards the realization of super-rating, she finds her path blocked only by Tonnelle whose relationship Dexter does not easily succumb to the mercenary pressures of network success. Perhaps, the story's cohesiveness is less obvious here: it is unclear why Kate chose to associate Tonnelle by sipping Missy (Julia Campbell), a white network personality with more body than mind, on Dexter. Given Tonnelle's unwavering commitment to Dexter's success, Kate should have achieved her

objective—super-rating—simply by having a heart to heart talk with Tonnelle, which undoubtedly Kate, who is heartless, was incapable of.

During the film's climax, as Dexter prepares to marry Missy before TV camera, Dexter's hallucinations begin; and the film's resolution is dispatched by Tonnelle, who as avenging angel, brings retribution down upon the heads of Kate and Missy. In the end-climax, the viewers find Dexter and Clifford Worthing (Bernie McInerney), a white male of the Worthing ilk, where they justifiably belong.

Although, with the exception of one gratuitous loving-making scene, the movie is without sex or violence, nonetheless, the humor is more than palpable enough to hold the audience's attention, as it did on the night that I viewed the film.

OVERALL

PASTIME
7 family movie, very entertaining.
LIVIN' LARGE
8 very entertaining.

Morris County Urban League sponsors Ebony Fashion Fair

PARSIPPANY — The excitement of watching professional models in a runway show of top European and American fashion will come to Morris County on Tuesday, Sept. 24 for the 34th Ebony Fashion Fair at the Parsippany Hilton Hotel in Parsippany.

This year's event will begin with a reception at 7 p.m., sponsored by Nabisco Brands Inc. in honor of Minority Businesses in New Jersey, followed by the show at 8 p.m.

The traveling extravaganza

BUF opposes United Way

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employees questions. "Donor choice is an attempt by the United Way to co-opt the alternative fund movement," said Oxford. He urges employees and employers to become more aware and informed of donor choice issues during the 1991-1992 AECC season. Corporate employers must raise their collective voices to insure that the constitutional rights of their employees are exercised and protected. Employees should inquire about the implementation of donor choice programs in AECC's at their respective workplaces and voice their concern. Be an educated donor in making your charitable choices! AFTER ALL, IT'S YOUR MONEY!

produced by Ebony Magazine is its annual fundraiser. Show tickets are \$25 and participation in the reception will be at an additional charge of \$10.

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

NEWARK—The 9th Annual New Jersey Black Issues Convention will be held Sept. 22 at the Radisson Hotel at Newark Airport. For more information, call (201) 824-7483 or (201) 733-6427.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

NEWARK—Breakfast Forum - "How to Sell Effectively to Public Agencies and Large Institutions" sponsored by the Greater Newark Small, Women & Minority Business Council at Anheuser-Busch, Route 1-9. Fee \$10. For more information, call (201) 624-1007.

Plainfield business corporation receives additional funding

by Denise Germain

PLAINFIELD — The Plainfield Business Development Corporation received approval from the City Council at last week's regular meeting to submit an application to the Urban Enterprise Zone Authority, requesting a continuance in funding for their "Sign and Facade" program.

The approved resolution, allows the business group to possibly acquire an additional \$190,000 (in June of 1989 the body received \$525,000 to launch the program) to further develop their plan, which help city business owners beautify their properties.

The Plainfield Business Development Corporation in conjunction with the city's Office of Economic Development and the United National Bank offer business owners, through this program a chance to acquire 0% interest loans ranging from \$5,000 to \$50,000, grants for a news sign or awning and possible technical assistance from members of the coalition.

United National assumes all risk and liability for the loan portion of the plan, providing the business owner meets all the necessary credit criteria specified to receive the loan. The Urban Enterprise monies that will be requested will be used to care of the loan for the business owner, while he pays off the principle.

The partnership's objective is to improve the Urban Enterprise Zone by encouraging well built, designed commercial improvements. At a recent agenda fixing session, August 12th, two members of the Business Development Corporation, presented slides for the council to view, showing the facade improvements of several city businesses that participated in the program. The presentation displayed the buildings before the

improvements and after. A majority of the council members were impressed by the changes that were made. Councilman Malcolm Dunn stated that the program seemed to give the business community an initial shot in the arm. The bank approved about 85% of the loan applications they have received.

Thus far, 13 loans have been approved and 40 grants have been approved. There is a cap on the amount of a sign and awning grant. For a sign the cap is \$1,000, and for an awning the cap is \$2,000.

The program has been so successful that there are 20 more applications pending.

Lower taxes in Plainfield

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six-month transitional year period for 1991. Because Plainfield was directed by the state to change its fiscal year to a July 1 to June 30 year coinciding with the state's budget year, the city has had to prepare three separate budgets.

McBean said that the new numbers would show a \$35 payment for a house assessed at \$50,000 meaning that property taxes would decrease from \$5,350 to \$5,315. The tax rate of assessed value would drop from the current rate of \$10.70 per \$100 of assessed value to \$10.63.

The proposed rates for the county and school district respectively are \$1.66 and \$4.92.

Officials said that city staff levels would remain the same and no jobs are scheduled to be cut. The proposed budget allows for a

"modest" raise in employees' salaries.

Mitchell explained that although services should be the same in the city, many of them will be enhanced through municipal programs responding to citizens' demands. Some include an increase in expanded recreation programs for youth, revamped and more aggressive inspection services, a new computer system for police and fire dispatchers, sensitivity training for police officers, expanded marketing services to aid in economic development, and additional resources to the Public Works Department for addressing problem properties. The mayor said he knows that people want more services but basically, to get more they have to pay more. "Everybody's feeling the pinch," he said.

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